



# SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## MEDIA INFORMATION

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Date: 5-15-08  
Contact: Corporal Jose Gonzalez (714) 981-7124

### **May 15, 2008 Media Plan: Protect Education Funding Rally**

#### Public Information Office

##### **Plaza of the Flags**

Commencing at 3:00 p.m., Santa Ana Police Department PIO Corporal Gonzalez will be assigned to cover the Protect Education Funding Rally. Participants, estimated by the Orange County Education Coalition to approach 1,500, will rally in the Plaza of the Flags. Participants are expected to begin to assemble at approximately 2:30 p.m. at the Plaza of the Flags.

- The Media Viewing Area for the rally is designated within the Plaza of the Flags. Corporal Gonzalez will be available, via telephone, to facilitate media coverage and assist the on-scene Incident Commander.
- Parking for media vehicles during this event has been established in one location. This location is along the east side of Ross Street just north of Santa Ana Blvd. The media will be allowed to park in the metered stalls that are posted with no parking signs. This is to ensure members of the public do not park in the media's area. This location offers the media close access to the rally area. Media that chooses not to utilize the designated media parking location must obey all local parking ordinances in order to avoid parking citations and/or having their vehicle towed.

Once the participants begin their rally, Corporal Gonzalez will facilitate any media requests on an as needed basis.

The groups are expected to begin their rally at approximately 3:00 p.m. and will conclude at 7:00 p.m.

No unusual occurrences are expected however, specific media safety zones have been established to enhance the media's safety. Should it become necessary to activate these specific sites, the PIO will coordinate with on-scene media.

In the event that the media safety zone is needed, the PIO will be responsible for directing the media to these designated safety zones. Currently, the safety zone for the Plaza of the Flags

area is directly northwest of the Plaza of the Flags near the southern entrance to the Orange County Court House.

In the event that the Incident Commander activates the mobile field force component, officers along skirmish lines will be instructed to allow credentialed media personnel to cross the skirmish line to join up with the PIO, who will trail behind, to allow the media to safely cover the event. The officers will instruct the media that they will not be allowed to cross back over the skirmish line until it is deemed safe by the Incident Commander. If media personnel choose not to join the PIO behind the officers, the media is then expected to obey the officer's orders to disburse from the area along with the crowd.

**Any members of the media with questions or concerns regarding the Santa Ana Police Department's media plan should contact the PIO, Corporal Jose Gonzalez.**

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